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Extract from the minutes of the thirteenth annual meeting of the National Board of Trade, held in Washington, D. C., January 23-25, 1900.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, THE BOURSE, ROOM 248,
Philadelphia, February 1, 1900.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

1. Whereas, There is no subject of more importance to the individual citizen or having a more direct influence upon trade and commerce than the health of the people; and

Whereas, There are many causes which directly affect the general health, such as the pollution of waterways, quarantine regulations, etc., which should properly come under national supervision; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the National Board of Trade reaffirms its declaration in favor of a national quarantine law, and to that end recommends legislation further increasing the gratifying efficiency of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Resolved, That Congress be urgently requested to enact speedy and efficient legislation to protect the sanitary conditions of our people by preventing the pollution of the rivers and other waterways of our country.

2. Whereas, The prevalence of the bubonic plague in neighboring countries is a constant menace to the health of this land; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the National Board of Trade urges upon Congress the necessity of providing at once such punishment for the infraction of quarantine laws as shall be necessary to give them full effect and make them efficient to meet threatened danger, and to that end heartily approves and recommends for immediate passage the Emergency Quarantine Bill prepared by the Treasury Department.

3. Whereas, The creation of smoke and fumes along the waterways controlled by the Federal Government has in different parts of the country endangered the interests and seriously affected the health of those engaged in navigating the rivers and waters controlled by the United States; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the National Board of Trade petitions the proper authorities to adopt such measures and favor such legislation as will abate the nuisance and dangers created by fumes and vision-obstructing smokes along national waters under national jurisdiction.

The foregoing preamble and resolutions were adopted.

True copy.

W. R. TUCKER,
Secretary.

Disinfection of certain articles from plague-infected places.

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE,
Port Townsend, Wash., February 7, 1900.

SIR: Referring to Bureau letter (G) of the 31st ultimo, relative to the disinfection of certain articles of Chinese merchandise from plague-infected ports packed in soil, I have the honor to inclose copies of letters I have addressed to the various Oriental steamship companies, having lines running to this port, and also one to the collector of customs.

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.